

### REMARKS

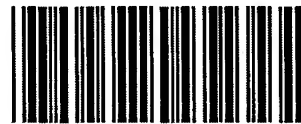
With this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-38 are cancelled, and claims 39 and 40 are presented for examination. Consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL E. LECKRONE ET AL.

June 26, 2003  
Date

E. Belden  
Elisabeth L. Belden  
Reg. No. 50,751  
(763) 514-4083



27581